

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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## REFUGEE COORDINATOR INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 02-01

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

Thank you all for your contributions to help make the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Refugee Information Exchange Conference* (RIEC) the success that it was. Now, while the conference is still fresh in your minds, the Refugee Programs Branch is asking for your input and comments/suggestions for the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Refugee Information Exchange Conference*. Although we have not yet finalized when and where the next conference will be held, you may plan for it around the same time as in the past years, i.e. late August or early September and this time in a Northern California locale.

**First of all, what would you suggest for a theme?** And, without adding costs, what suggestions do you have for:

- Improving the format or conduct of the conference, or
- Workshop topics, or
- Plenary speakers.

While we will review evaluations submitted at the end of this year's conference, perhaps some of you did not have a chance to respond or wanted a little more time to think about the conference in terms of the next one. Now is your chance. We do want to hear from you, so please get back to us **in writing** with your ideas by **October 25, 2002**. You may send your ideas:

- ◆ By e-mail to [RPB@DSS.CA.GOV](mailto:RPB@DSS.CA.GOV), or
- ◆ By FAX to (916) 654-7187, or
- ◆ By regular U.S. Mail to:

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As we prepare for the next conference, we want to alert you that there will be much more use of the RPB website for broadcasting information about the conference as it develops. Using the website allows us to get information out very quickly, to a wider

audience, and at less cost than printing and mailing announcements and brochures in hard copy as we have in the past. So please make it a point to **visit the website regularly**. And in particular, watch for announcements about the 2003 conference as solicitation for workshop proposals, sponsorship, exhibit tables, and registration will be primarily communicated through the website. Here is THE website:

[www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram)

Thank you for lending us your thoughts for the next conference. Your comments are important to us to make the next conference even more meaningful.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by:**  
**Thuan Nguyen on 10/10/02**

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